

KANSAS HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE (KHIA) PROGRAM

The Kansas Health Insurance Assistance (KHIA) Program is designed to assist clients who are returning to work and/or are currently employed yet do have stability to maintain the financial responsibilities associated with group coverage. An article in the Employment World 2000 states that not only is our culture very preoccupied with work but that what type of work describes who and what we are. The loss of a job and its affects on relations with co-workers, schedules and regular income can alter our perceptions of how we look at ourselves and the environment we are in.

KHIA assist clients by overcoming some of the financial barriers that come with either beginning a new job or dealing with the loss of a current job. Because employment can affect many aspects of a client's life, KHIA hopes to at least allow clients not worry about those aspects that may also affect their ability to maintain good health and adherence to a good HIV treatment regimen.

KHIA currently assists eligible clients in premiums and/or co-pays directly related to utilization of medications administered through the Kansas AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).

Services

Services are available to all eligible Title II clients who currently have or are in the process of obtaining private health insurance and are directly related to the utilization of medications through the Kansas AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).

Reimbursement

Premium assistance:

Clients eligible for premium assistance through the KHIA can have the cost of their portion of the premium reimbursed through their employer, their insurance beneficiary or their enrolled community-based organization. All premiums are made quarterly in order to ensure credible coverage throughout the year.

Co-pay assistance:

Clients eligible for co-pay/co-insurance assistance through the KHIA may have their portion of co-pays reimbursed by the Kansas Ryan White Title II ADAP on formulary medications only. The client will be provided a Kansas Ryan White Title II Participant Card for the co-payment portion to be reimbursed; however, the private insurance **MUST** be the primary billing source.

Certification of KHIA Providers

Certification within the KHIA Programs is based on client's need. These providers are not required to enroll into Title II services as "typical" providers. However, providers must have a current FEIN in order to have services reimbursed. All enrollment is referred by Kansas Title II Case Management sites or to the Kansas Health Insurance Assistance Program Manager at (785) 296-8701.